

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 358
By Burchett

A RESOLUTION to honor Fire Chief Bruce Cureton on the
occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body recognize those who in
their years of work have performed with extraordinary dedication and unprecedented devotion;
and

WHEREAS, Bruce Cureton is one such outstanding person who has served with alacrity
and acuity for 30 years with the Knoxville Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, throughout his excellent administration as Fire Chief, Mr. Cureton has
adhered to the common sense approach to firefighting and he has displayed the common touch
in all his endeavors, working with the old and young alike; and

WHEREAS, a native of Knox County, Bruce Cureton exemplifies the spirit and
dedication that is characteristic of a great Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, during his exemplary tenure, the Knoxville Fire Department has witnessed
several improvements, including the First Responder Emergency Medical Program and the
construction of four new fire stations since 1991; and

WHEREAS, he instituted requirements that all department members be certified under
the Tennessee Commission on Firefighting Standards; and

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WHEREAS, Chief Cureton has also played a vital role in replacing 96 percent of the department's equipment and making it one of the most modern firefighting fleets in the Southeast; and

WHEREAS, he is fortunate to share both love and companionship with his lovely wife, Glenda; his children, Melissa, Jennifer and Mary Beth; two stepchildren, Tracy and Mike; and two grandchildren, Sam and Alanna; and

WHEREAS, Bruce Cureton's adroit qualities include the uncommon ability to motivate others to fully realize their potential, perhaps the most valuable of all skills; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we extend to Chief Bruce Cureton our best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and continued success in future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for Chief Bruce Cureton with this final clause omitted from such copy.